

HOUSE BILL 944

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to charter schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-128, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) The office of education accountability in the office of the comptroller, created by § 4-3-308, shall review relevant state and national charter school research related to school and student achievement, with particular emphasis on curriculum design and teaching methods. The office shall report its findings to the education committees of the senate and of the house of representatives by February 1, 2006.

(b) The office of education accountability in the office of the comptroller shall conduct a comprehensive study of the charter schools across Tennessee to:

(1) Evaluate each charter school's status in achieving the purposes established in § 49-13-102; and

(2) Recommend measures for improvement and evaluate prospects for expansion.

(c) The report shall include a comparison of any relevant test data from Tennessee's public traditional and charter schools, and shall include an evaluation of effective teaching methods and governance structures intended to promote learning for all students in Tennessee's public charter schools. The report shall also include information on other states' charter school legislation and corresponding results.

(d) The office of education accountability shall report its findings and recommendations to the general assembly no later than December 1, 2007.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.